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FOR THE
CITY of LONDON;
And also the
GOAL DELIVERY
FOR THE
COUNTY of MIDDLESEX,
HELD AT
JUSTICE-HALL in the OLD-BAILEY,
On Wednesday the 9th, Thursday the 10th, Friday the 11th, Saturday the 12th,
Monday the 14th, Tuesday the 15th, and Wednesday the 16th, of SEPTEMBER,
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410. (M.) **J**ohn Miller, otherwise Eversen, was indicted for stealing three pair of silk stockings, value 15 s. the property of John Nutall, Aug. 19. †

John Nutall. I am a linendraper and hoffer, I live facing Bedford-row; this day se'nnight, between six and seven in the evening, I heard a glass-case move, which stood on the counter; it was not locked; I ran towards it, and saw the prisoner going out of my shop; I was within a yard of him; he ran in at the next door, a public-house; I missed three pair of silk stockings; I was standing by the door, in about two minutes the prisoner was coming out; I laid hold of him, and charged him with stealing my stockings; I went into the public-house, the Star and Garter, and asked if that man had left any thing; they said he had been backward to the necessary; we went and looked down the vault, and there were my stockings, (produced and depose to.)

Elizabeth Batt. The prisoner came to our house, the Star and Garter, and asked for one Johnson; we knew no such person; then he went backwards to the vault, and soon came back, and went out; after which, the prosecutor came; we went and found these stockings there.

Prisoner's defence.

I went there to ask for an acquaintance, and went to the vault, but knew nothing of the stockings. I am a journeyman gun-stock-maker. Guilty. T.

411. (M.) Elizabeth Wall, spinster, was indicted for that she, on the king's highway, on Charlotte Thompson, widow, did make an assault, putting her in corporal fear and danger of her life, and violently taking from her person a silk handkerchief, value 2 s. the property of the said Charlotte, August 2. †

Charlotte Thompson. I lodge at Mr. Hill's in East Smithfield.

Q. What is your employ?

Thompson. I do any work I can get to do; on Sunday the 2d of August, between nine and ten at night, I had been at a public-house, the Ship for a pennyworth of tobacco; returning I was knocked down, and my handkerchief taken from my neck; there were more accomplices, but can speak to none but the prisoner; they came behind me.

Q. Did you see any body before you was knocked down?

C. Thompson. No, I did not; I received the blow on my cheek from behind me; the prisoner came behind me, and knocked me down.

Q. How do you know she did it?

C. Thompson. I saw her strike me, I was stunned with the blow.

Q. Did you know her before?

C. Thompson. I had seen her before several times but had never spoke to her.

Q. Did you know where she lived?

C. Thompson. No.

Q. Did you know her name?

C. Thompson. No, I did not; when I recovered myself, I had a great mob about me; I hallooed out I was robbed, Elizabeth Wall had robbed me.

Q. Did you say so at that time?

C. Thompson. I did; I went home to bed; and I was taken the next day; I had sent to her twice in the morning, for her to send me my handkerchief, and I would forgive the abuse; but if she did not, I would swear a street robbery against her; and the answer I received was, that I might be d—d. After that, I heard she was gone for a warrant; then I thought it necessary to go for one. I went to the bench for one, and when I came home she was there, and acknowledged she had pawned it for half a crown in East Smithfield.

Q. You name, and Elizabeth account for C. Thompson name called Q. Did from the bl C. Thompson mob. Q. Did C. Thompson Mary Oats son does, in Q. How M. Oats. is in the ho Q. What M. Oats. sometimes o was going h knock Char handkerchie somebody, I called Mr. H She had rece as; Elizabeth company, w this b—h, I Q. Was t M. Oats. from Charlot of people ab who they we Q. Did yo that robbed M. Oats. Charlotte Th Robert Hill Rag-fair, Ea Q. How m house? Hill. I hav Sarah Cornish Q. How d Hill. Some needle-work; must come qu Charlotte Thompson Wall had knoc handkerchief. Q. Where d Hill. She liv my house. Q. Do all yo

Q. You just now said, you did not know her name, and the next breath you say you called out, Elizabeth Wall had robbed you; how do you account for that?

C. Thompson. Every body knew her; I heard her name called; they called Bet Wall has got it.

Q. Did you see her after you had recovered from the blow?

C. Thompson. I did, and she went off from the mob.

Q. Did no body attempt to take her?

C. Thompson. No.

Mary Oats. I lodge at Mr. Hill's, where Thompson does, in East-Smithfield.

Q. How many young women lodge there?

M. Oats. There are two more, and one of them is in the hospital with a sore leg.

Q. What is your business?

M. Oats. I go out a washing and scouring, sometimes one thing, and sometimes another; I was going home that evening, and saw Bet Wall knock Charlotte Thompson down, and take her handkerchief from her neck, and said here, to somebody, I cannot tell to who; I went, and called Mr. Hill directly, and came back with him. She had recovered the blow, and went home with us; Elizabeth Wall, and a man that keeps her company, went away together. I heard her say, this b—h, I'll be her butcher.

Q. Was this after you had been for Hill?

M. Oats. It was; they were two or three yards from Charlotte Thompson; there were a number of people about Thompson, but I do not know who they were.

Q. Did you tell the people that was the woman that robbed her, when you saw Wall?

M. Oats. I did; Mr. Hill went up to see if Charlotte Thompson was robbed.

Robert Hill. I am a smith, and live in New Rag-fair, East-Smithfield.

Q. How many women lodgers have you in your house?

Hill. I have six; Charlotte Thompson, Oats, Sarah Cornish, Elizabeth Wootton, and two others.

Q. How do they get their bread?

Hill. Some one way, some another, some by needle-work; I was called by Oats; she said, I will come quick, she did not know whether Charlotte Thompson would be murdered, Elizabeth Wall had knocked her down, and taken her handkerchief.

Q. Where does Elizabeth Wall live?

Hill. She lives about an hundred yards from my house.

Q. Do all your lodgers know her?

Hill. They do, I believe; she used the same public-house as they do; just as I came up, Elizabeth Wall and a woman were going away; I heard Wall say, you b—h, I will be your butcher.

Q. Did not you go to stop her?

Hill. No, I did not.

Q. How near was she to Thompson then?

Hill. She was eight or ten yards from her; I went directly up to Thompson, and in the mean time William Magraugh and Wall went off.

Elizabeth Hill. I live with Mrs. Morrison, a pawn-broker, in East-Smithfield; I took in this handkerchief (*producing a silk handkerchief*) the 10th of August, of Bridget King, and about an hour afterwards, Elizabeth Wall came and asked me, if Biddy King had not left such a handkerchief there; I said she had; she said that was all she wanted, and went away. After that, I was ordered to come with it before the Justice; there Thompson said, there were some spots upon it, done by ink, which appear on it now.

Prisoner's defence.

Last Sunday was a month I went out betimes in the morning with my husband; we staid out all day till about nine at night; when we came home, we went in at the ship, and had a pint of beer, we were in a box by ourselves; Charlotte Thompson came in, and would move herself in by the side of me; after we had drank our beer, we went to go home; Charlotte followed us; she went to lay hold of my husband's hand; he bid her go along; she wanted to pick him up; I pulled her away from him; she flew up to me, and tore my necklace, cap, and handkerchief to pieces; there were several people came round me; I said, how could you serve me so; she turned round, and fell to fighting; my husband pulled me away, and said, I should have all my things torn off my back; we went home, which was but four doors from the place where we were; the next morning I got up, and went into this public-house; the landlady said, Bet, what a piece of work here is about the handkerchief; I told her I knew nothing about it. I went about to see if I could find Thompson; then I went to enquire for the handkerchief, and found it was at this pawnbroker's; then I went to Thompson's landlady, and told her of it; then I found she was gone for a warrant for me; Biddy King and she had been fighting together. Acquitted.

See her tried with Grief and Delany, for the murder of Mr. Smith, N^o 484, in Sir William Stephenson's Mayoralty; and Biddy King and her tried, N^o 103 in this Mayoralty.

412. (M.) Joseph Simpson was indicted for stealing two silver tongues for buckles, value 2 s. the property of William Dean, August 26. †

William Dean. I am a working silversmith in Old-street, the prisoner worked journey-work with me; I was informed he had shewed a couple of silver tongues for buckles; I sent my apprentice to him, and he brought them to me; I do not swear to them.

John Priddy. The prosecutor sent his apprentice with me, to see if the prisoner had two tongues, as he had been informed; the prisoner delivered them into my hand; the prosecutor said he believed they were his property, but would not swear to them; the Justice asked him how he came by them; he said he found them in his master's yard. Acquitted.

413. (M.) Rose Stroud, spinster, was indicted for stealing five 36 s. pieces, and fifteen guineas, the property of George Rogers, in the dwelling-house of Thomas Rogers, Aug. 11. †

George Rogers. I was coachman to Sir Henry Harper, but now I live at Richmond. On the 11th of August, between ten and eleven o'clock, I met the prisoner at the top of the Haymarket; she took hold of me, and desired me to go home with her; I did, she lodged in Hedge-lane, and gave her a shilling; she went down stairs to get a pint of beer, she brought it up; we went to bed, and in the morning when I awaked, between three and four, she was gone, and my breeches, that I had put under my head, were taken out, and fifteen guineas and five 36 s. pieces were taken out of the pocket, which I know I had in my pocket when I went to bed; I dressed myself as soon as I could, and went down stairs, and went about to see for her till about six, but could not find her; then I went to Sir John Fielding, and got a warrant, and on the Saturday, as I was at the Seven Dials, a hackney-coach came by, with the prisoner and her sister in it; I went and secured her, and took her before Sir John; there the sister got out of the coach, and ran away. I got none of my money again.

Thomas Rogers. I keep a house in Hedge-lane; the prisoner and her sister had lodged with me six or seven days; she went away the morning after the prosecutor was robbed, and never paid for her lodging.

Prisoner's defence.

I never took a lodging of that man; I have known the prosecutor nine years; he was talking

to a young woman at the top of the Haymarket he came and asked me to drink a pint of beer, and asked me where I lived; I said, I had no place of my own; I drank with him, and left him with a young woman at the Lemon-tree door. I never was in the house with him as he has said.

Q. to prosecutor. How came you to have so much money about you?

Prosecutor. I took it out to buy myself a hackney-coach and a pair of horses; it was what I had saved in three years service. Acquitted.

414. (M.) Elizabeth Craydon, spinster, was indicted for stealing a silver watch, value 50 s. a silk handkerchief, value 4 s. and 3 s. in money numbered, the property of Thomas Robinson, in the dwelling-house of Thomas Hewson, Sept. 1. †

Thomas Robinson. I am a weaver; my room is up three pair of stairs, in the house of Thomas Hewson in Shoreditch; I had not fastened my room-door, but went to bed, and hung my watch up upon a nail; when I awaked in the morning on the first of this instant September, I saw a woman in a green gown in my room, taking my watch; I said, who is that; she ran down stairs and I after her; when I got to the door, I looked each way, but could see no body; I went up again, and found my watch and silk handkerchief were gone, and 3 s. taken out of my breeches pocket; she must have come in by some of the people in the house leaving the street-door open; I was alone, and had no body in the room but myself.

Sarah Smith. The prisoner lodged in my house in Golden-lane; upon a quarrel between her and others, I was told she had got a silver watch; I went to her, and took it out of her bosom; her husband sent for a constable; when he came, the prisoner had laid the watch and a silk handkerchief she had on, down on the floor.

Q. How was she dressed?

S. Smith. In a green gown.

Stephen Cleffold. I am a constable; I was sent for; I found the watch lying on the floor, and the handkerchief by it, (produced and deposited to the prosecutor.) I took the prisoner before Sir John Fielding; there she said she found the watch at Moorfields, in the handkerchief; Sir John advised the watch, and the prosecutor owned it.

Prisoner's defence.

I was going to Spitalfields market, to buy potatoes, to sell about the street, and I picked up the watch and handkerchief between five and six o'clock. Guilty 39 s.

415. (M.) Elizabeth Ladd, spinster, was indicted for stealing a silver watch, value 5s. the property of William Croker, June 22. I am a carpenter, and live in St. Clement's parish, the name of the house I was in Hyde park to see the review. I got a little fuddled; coming home, the woman at the bar, by some means or other, took me to the Robin Hood in the Butcher-row, and from thence to her lodging, but I did not know where I went, no more than a child; I think it was up three pairs of stairs, but my watch on a table behind my head, and sat down; she said she must go out again, and went down, and did not come in again for three or four hours; I missed my watch; I asked her what she had done with it; she said she had carried it to pawn for half a guinea, to pay her rent, further her husband was going away, and would not trust her; that she had pawned it at the corner of Radish-coat, Catharine-street; she said she would go and pawn her stays for a quarter guinea, and I must be the best out of my pocket; I went to the pawnbroker; he said he had no such watch brought there; the prisoner had told me her name was Elizabeth Ladd; I went to the house again; her landlord and his wife said they knew nothing of her; I could get no redress; I went home; when I heard of her, I got an officer, and took her up; then she said I was too late, for the watch was sold for 27s. three days before.

John Sawceman. I am a constable; I took the prisoner up on the 15th of August, in King-street, Drury-lane; she told us we were come too late, her landlady had sold it, and said she was very sorry, for the man behaved very well to her for what was between them. I saw the watch before. I never saw that the gentleman had a watch; he asked me to drink a glass of wine; he took me and three other women in to drink; I wished him a good night, and left him. The prisoner said she knew who her landlady sold the watch to; but she would suffer herself to be hanged before she would mention the man's name. Guilty. T.

416. (M.) Richard Bayes was indicted for stealing a large copper potting-pot, with a brass cover, value 5s. the property of Richard Bayes; a table, value 1l. a pair of scissors; and a tin of paint, the property of William Calkins, July 29. I am a cooper, and live in St. Clement's parish. On the 29th of July I was gone when I came back, my house was in an uproar; I was told they had got a thief; there

was the prisoner; we searched his pocket, and found the table, scissors, and the pot upon him; I saw the prisoner take the potting-pot, and cover out of our wash-house, as he was going off. I asked him what he was going to do with it; he dropped it down, and went away; then the people went and took him; the things were found upon him. I never touched them. Guilty. T.

417. (L.) William Skinner was indicted for stealing a cloth, value 10s. and a pair of cloth breeches, the property of William Augustus Skinner, to which he pleaded guilty. Guilty. T.

418, 419. (L.) John Ballard and John Simpson were indicted for stealing a sheep sack, value 8d. and four bushels of oats, value 9s. the property of William Simpson, August 3.

William Simpson lives in the Fleet-market; and deal in corn; I had notice that a sack of corn was carried to a house in Hat and Tan-yard about the 3d of August; I went according as I was directed, and found it with about half a bushel of oats in it; I had had the sack in my hand but a day or two before in my warehouse; John Ballard was my servant, he owned he filled the sack some time in that day, but was not with Henshaw when he took it away; I had employed Henshaw a little before; I took up Powell, at whose house I found it; he is a blackney coachman; who said he was not at home when it was brought, but he offered to pay me for it. John Ballard, I am servant to Abbot, a carrier; he rents part of this granary of Mr. Simpson; for a workshop; it is partitioned off, but there is a way to get out of one into the other, because we have wood in his granary; Henshaw came on the 22d of July, and called for Ballard; I said he was not there; he asked leave to come through our shop, and said Mr. Simpson wanted him to bring a sack of oats; he went in and took a sack, and carried it out; I watched him to the top of Fleet-street.

William Calkins. I had been to get a pint of beer at Adam Osins in the Fleet-market; Henshaw came drunk with a sack of oats on his back; he was not able to carry them; I and another man carried them for him; he showed us to a coachman in Hat and Tan-yard; when we came to stairs, the poor woman said, Lord have mercy upon me, why do you do so, we shall be hanged.

banged when I instructed we had to use them. I think this was the last or one of the last. I regretted I never gave Henshaw directions to go to my granary for some time. I am sorry that was

These rats were some that ran through the screen, and I had sensed the duck out of them, I thought they were property, I don't know if

Prosecutor. There is no such thing allowed; these were very good oats; they cost me eighteen shillings and sixpence at the market.

How now's defence.
 "I was out of place, and Ballard asked me to carry a sack for him, and he paid me for carrying them. Both Guilty." T. 3 hns 205 July 1873

420. (M.) William Delbey was indicted for receiving the said sack of oats, knowing them to have been stolen, August 3. * 2 (J) 074, 814

William Simpson, the prosecutor, gave the same evidence as in the former trial. Admitted to the jury.

424. (M.) Thomas Phillips was indicted for stealing a pair of linen sheets, value 10s, the property of George Sterne, August 20.

George Sterne. I live at the Star and Garter at Millington, a public-house on the south of Abchurch-lane, between nine and ten, the prisoner came and asked for lodging; I let him on, he went to bed, he came down in the morning about eight, and asked for a dram at the bar; I served him, he went away directly; I went up into his bed-room; there was never a sheet; I pursued and overtook him at the Unicorn, and in his bundle I found my sheets; I brought him back, and charged a constable with him, and he was committed.

Richard Pullin. I was with Mr. Sterne when he
stopped the prisoner, and saw the papers taken out of
his bundle.

Prisoner's defence.
I know nothing at all of the sheets.

He called Will. Hopkins, James Briggs, and Hannah Dean, who said he was a sailor by trade, and they knew no ill of him. Guilty. T. 1M

422 (L) Samuel Brown was indicted for stealing
ing thirty-five yards of linen cloth, value 2s. the
property of Stephen Williams, Clement Bellamy
and Samuel Williams. July 20. 1811

Robert Woods: I am a lamp-lighter; about the latter end of July I was lighting lamps opposite Mr. Bellamy's shop, at the corner of Charlotte street; I saw the prisoner cross the street from my ladder, and go into Mr. Bellamy's shop, and tak-

a piece of cloth and put it under his arm, and
 went away with it to the poultry, the clock struck
 five as I was running down my ladder; I went
 to the shop, and knocked with my heel, and one
 of the clerks came out; I told him what I had
 seen; he went with me, we followed the prisoner,
 I laid hold of him, and said you took that
 piece of cloth from a shop below; he said it was
 a—d lie; we carried him to the Compter for
 that night, and the next day he was examined
 and committed.

John Waldron. The lamp-lighter came and informed me of this; we went and took the prisoner just above Green's Alley, with the cloth upon him; I delivered the piece of cloth to John Roberts the porter; he put his mark upon it (the cloth produced).

John Roberts. Here is my mark, J. R. which I put upon it so as to know it again, it is the property of Messrs. Williams and McNamee.

Coming from Whitechapel, as I crossed by the Mansion-house, a man slept up to me, and said, "Thimpane, where are you bound?" he asked me to carry that linen to Holbourn; I took it, and they came and took it from me.

He called John Henry, Philip Strong, and Arthur Gay, who gave him a good beating.

423. (M) Stephen Stamford was indicted for stealing two swines, called hogs, value 41. the property of Joseph Baker. July 11. 1880

Joseph Baker: I am a farmer at Paddington the prisoner had been a healthy servant to me about two months; he had left us about four or five days; I lost two hogs during the time I worked with me, and I lost two more on the 11th of July; they were in my field in my yard one night, between nine and ten o'clock; I had then advertised in the Tuesday paper the 14th; after which Mr. Smith came and told me there were two hogs that answered the description brought to Hackney, brought by the prisoner; I was the *Workehire Stingo*, the prisoner came by, asked him when he was at Hackney; he said he had not been there this month or six weeks; said I heard you was there last Saturday morning and on the Monday; he denied it, and at last upon seeing Mr. Smith, he owned he was there; said I have lost a couple of hogs, I was informed you had them there; he said he had none there; he was put in the Roundhouse, and examined the next day before Sir John Fielding, and Mr. Miller came he owned he had *two hogs the*

William Miller. I live in the parish of Hackney, the prisoner knocked me up between four and five o'clock one morning; he had a couple of large bags, he offered them to me for two guineas; they were barrow bags with large black spots, of about twelve or thirteen holes each.

Prosecutor. Mine which I doff were such; I left them in a yard by my house, where a man keeps asses; he brought them on the Saturday morning, and they were there till the Monday evening, when he took them away.

Prisoner's defence. I never had any of his bags. *Acquitted.*

424. (A.) Samuel Tabor was indicted, for that he, on the 14th of July, about the hour of ten in the night, the dwelling-house of John Ride did break and enter, and stealing seventeen half-pence and one farthing, the property of the said John, in his dwelling-house.

John Ride. I live at Feltham; I had been robbed several times, and to find out who did it I watched; I have two houses; I had fastened the doors of each, and going to that where I dwell on the 14th of July, about eleven o'clock at night, I heard a great noise; I went to the back part of it, there I found a coat and hat; there was a log put against the boards, and a hole made through the thatch, I holloed out for assistance, William Hillier came; he got a candle and lanthorn, he and I went into the house and searched about; he observing a hole broke in the top of the ceiling went down, and by a ladder got upon the house, and made a hole, and took the prisoner out; the coat and hat belonged to him; he was in his waistcoat, and we found eight-pence three-farthings in his waistcoat-pocket, which he owned to be my money; then upon being charged, he owned he had broke into my house on the 9th of July, and taken thirty-six shillings out of a tobacco-box.

Q. Did you miss any half-pence when you had searched the prisoner?

Ride. I missed some, but cannot tell how many.

Q. How long had you been gone out of that house?

Ride. I went out about two or three hours before, and fastened the door, and went to watch.

Q. Did you know the prisoner before?

Ride. He had done plough for me for five pence a day, but he never lived in my house; but he has not worked for me I believe these four years.

Q. How old is he?

Ride. I cannot tell.

Ride. They say he is pretty near seventeen years of age.

William Hillier. I am a victualler at Feltham; the prosecutor called for assistance; I got a candle and lanthorn, and went to him; he unlocked a padlock that was on the door of his house; we went in and searched the house; I saw a hole broke in the ceiling on the top of the house; I went down, and left the prosecutor above in the room; I got a ladder, and went up and broke a hole through at the top of the house, and found the prisoner between the ceiling and the thatch, near the chimney, in his waistcoat; I hauled him out, he had eight-pence three-farthings in one of his waistcoat-pockets; I asked him how he got it; he said he took it out of a little pot in the window; I asked him if he ever had robbed him before; he said he had once before, of thirty-six shillings.

Q. Was it a light or dark night?

Hillier. It was very dark when I took him.

Q. Do you know which house the prosecutor lives in?

Hillier. He lives in the house where we took the prisoner; the other is an old farm-house where he puts his lumber.

Q. Which way do you think the boy got into the house?

Hillier. There was a hole fresh made in the thatch, by which he could get into the room below that where the ceiling was broke, and he had left his coat and hat near the place.

Prisoner's defence. I was out of the house when they took me.

To his character.

John Goodwin. I live at Feltham, I have known the prisoner eight or nine years; I never heard that he robbed any body; he bore as good a character as other boys do.

Q. How old is he?

Goodwin. He may be about sixteen or seventeen years old.

William Layton. I live at Feltham, I have known him eight or nine years, I never heard that he robbed any body; I know no ill of him.

John Mills. He lived with me about two years ago, I never heard no ill of him.

Thomas Hoping. I live at Feltham, I have known him seven or eight years; I never heard no ill of him; I know no ill of him at this time?

Hoping. I cannot tell.

John. I cannot tell.

John Brecham. I live at Feltham, I have known him seven years, I never knew any dishonesty by him.

Q. How did he get his bread lately?

Brecham. That I cannot tell.

Thomas Wallbeloved. I have known him eight or nine years; he once went to plough for me; I never knew any dishonesty by him.

Q. What business did he do lately?

Wallbeloved. He was out of place.

Mr. Gardner. I have known him from a child, I never heard any ill of him; his father-in-law turned him out of the house, and he was missing two or three days.

Thomas Sadler. I have known him ten years; he is a very honest young fellow as far as I ever heard.

Henry Griffin. I am his grandfather, he worked with a carpenter at this time; I never heard he did any thing amiss.

William Sadler. I have known him eight or nine years, I never knew any dishonesty by him.

Guilty. Death. Recommended.

425, 426. (L.) *William Woods* and *Thomas Mills* were indicted for stealing two silver watches, value 11s. two metal watches, a silver tube, twenty-seven gold rings, eight other gold rings, a silver nutmeg-grater, thirty-five pair of silver buckles, three pair of silver salts, and other things, the property of *Samuel Drybatter*, August 3.

Samuel Drybatter. I am a jeweller and book-feller, I keep a shop in Westminster-hall; that was broke open, and the goods in the indictment, and many others, were taken away; this was the 3d of August; on the Monday after a gentleman came and told me there were two or three boys taken up that he imagined had robbed my shop; I went to the Poultry-Compter, and found the two prisoners there; *Mills* told me he broke my shop open, and took the things, and that he intended to have done it three or four days before, but always came too late, when the hall was shut up; the other said he had some of the things; I saw some of my goods at my Lord-Mayor's; some we found hid in St. George's fields, two or three pair of salts, and twenty-seven or twenty-eight pair of silver buckles; they are my property.

Joseph Gantbury. I was looking out at my school window on Monday morning; at the upper end of Love-lane I saw the two prisoners and another boy together; *Mills* was winding up a watch, which I thought to be gold; I went out after them, and found them in Fenchurch-street;

I desired *Mills* to let me see the watch, he said he said he had not got it, but the other boys had and the rest of the goods; I ran after them with *Mills* in my hand, and overtook the other prisoner; I alarmed, but nobody came to my assistance; I asked that boy for the watch, he gave me a bag with two watches, and several gold rings, a key-hook, buckles and buttons; I took the boys into an apothecary's shop, there we examined the effects they had, and took a list of them; I then went to my Lord-Mayor for an officer to bring them before his Lordship, and they were carried there and committed (the things produced and deposited to.)

Christopher James Hayes. I am son to the keeper of the Poultry-Compter, I went with *Richard Walker* and the two prisoners to St. George's fields, as they told us they had buried some of the things there which they had from a shop in Westminster-hall; they had as to the place, we found them buried about four inches below the surface of the ground.

Richard Walker. I can say no more than what *Mr. Hayes* has said.

Mr. Hayes has said, I was with some boys, I left them and went over Westminster-bridge, *Mills* came and told me he had found some things, and if I would go with him and the others they would give me some of them.

Mills's defence. I hid myself in Westminster-hall, and opened the place with a spade, and brought the goods out. Both Guilty. T.

427, 428. (L.) *James Young* and *Elizabeth Dagan* were indicted for stealing twenty-eight pounds weight of copper, value 15s. the property of a person or persons unknown, Sept. 3.

James Pyle. I am a seaman; last Thursday between twelve and one at noon, I saw the man at the bar throw a spade over this piece of copper (producing a part of a boiler which had been taken from the Bear-key; he took it up, and walked off with it, and the woman followed him; a porter kept them, and brought the copper and them back to the Poultry-Compter, I went to the shop out called the *China*, *Capt. Brown*, from Jamaica, this copper was part of the cargo; I saw a man and a woman go up the gateway with a piece of copper; I ran up, and saw the woman at the bar with the copper in her lap; I took hold of her, she pointed to the man at the bar, and said that is the man that stole

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Young's defence.

I took the thing up, and it was taken from me and given to this woman, and put into her lap.

Morgan's defence.

There was another woman with Young, he told me he would give me two or three half-pence if I would carry it for him. Both Guilty. T.

429. (L.) Elizabeth Harris, widow, was indicted for stealing a linen wrapper for a cart, value 2s. the property of Benjamin Mee and Goveat Cassau. August 20. †

Goveat Cassau. Benjamin Mee and I are Ham-
burgh merchants and partners; the wrapper was
taken out of our yard the 20th of August; I can
only swear it is our property.

David Cadwallader. I live with Messrs. Mee and
Cassau; I saw the prisoner bring this piece of
cloth out of the house under her arm, I pursued
and took it upon her in the street; I brought her
back, she then begged for mercy.

Prisoner's defence.

My business is selling or changing china for
old cloaths; I saw this cloth lying like a rag, I
took it up, and carried it out of the yard; I was
stupid in liquor, I want but two years of seventy
years of age.

Cadwallader. This was about a quarter past
three o'clock, she did not appear to be drunk.
Guilty. 10d. W.

430. (M.) John Cooper was indicted, for that
he, on the king's highway, on Sarah, wife of
George Holland, did make an assault, putting
her in corporal fear and danger of her life, and
taking from her person six silver medals, value 6s.
two guineas, two half guineas, a crown piece,
and a shilling, the property of the said George,
August 12. †

Sarah Holland. I am wife to George Holland;
on the 12th of August we had been out an airing,
going back to Twickenham we were stopped about
twenty yards on this side Mr. Whitefield's chapel,
near Strawberry-hill; there were two ladies in
the coach with me, I sat backwards, I heard
somebody call, *Stop, stop*; the coachman did not
stop; then a man rode up to him, and bid him
stop, or he would blow his brains out; he did;
then the man rode up to us, and desired us to
show our purses, which we did; he had a pistol

in his hand; I desired him not to put it to the
coach; he said he would not hurt a hair of our
heads, and behaved very civil to us; there was
in my purse two guineas, two half guineas, three
pocket-pieces, a crown piece, and I believe there
might be a shilling or two; he went off in a very
little time; I think he rode a bay horse, it was
so dark I could not discern the man's face; I saw
there was another man on horseback.

Robert Spooner. I am a cabinet-maker; I was
with the prisoner in this robbery; he is a perriwig-
maker, and lived in Mount-street; he and I are
both journeymen; he and I stopped a coach near
Twickenham, between nine and ten in the even-
ing; we took about three guineas from them;
we had three purses; it was I that called to the
coachman to stop, and I took the money; I had a
pistol, but did not present it; the prisoner was be-
hind the coach with the footman; there were some
dollars and pocket-pieces; we threw them and
the purses away, and spent the money; my horse
was of a chestnut colour.

John Gilbert. I am coachman to Mr. Nobbs of
Twickenham; I was out with the coach; coming
home by Strawberry-hill, two men came behind
us; they bid me stop several times before I did;
one of them pulled out a pistol; then I stopped;
he went to the coach, and robbed the ladies; the
other man was behind with my fellow-servant; I
cannot swear to either of them; he that robbed
the ladies rode a horse that seemed to be a bay
horse, with a switch tail, and he seemed to have
a furtout coat on.

Samuel Proffer. I am footman to Mr. Nobbs; I
was on horseback; just as we came into the com-
mon field near Strawberry-hill, a man on a bay
horse came riding up; then he turned back, and
met a man on a gray horse; they came up almost
a broad-side me, and followed us about 200 yards;
then the man on the bay horse rode up to the
coachman, and ordered him to stop; and the man
on the gray horse came up to me, and demanded
me to stop; then the first man turned his horse
round to the ladies, and demanded their money;
the moon was just getting up, it was dark; I can-
not say any thing to either of the men; the man
by me appeared to have his own hair, and I be-
lieve a furtout coat. (*The prisoner had his own hair.*)

Mr. Higgins. I belong to General Elliot. On
the 17th of August, I saw the prisoner and evi-
dence, with two of our sergeants, at Kensington
barracks, at the sutling-house; Spooner pulled
out half a Spanish dollar, and offered to sell it;
(*produced in court.*) and he proposed to bring a
French

French crown in the morning, or forfeit a shilling.

Q. to Mrs. Holland. Was your's a French crown?

Mrs. Holland. No, mine was an English one.

Higgins. I think Cooper paid the reckoning, and they went away. The man that offered 2 s. for the half dollar and I went to town together. I saw in the news paper two men described, answering the description of the prisoner and evidence, that had robbed a coach; they had told their names over night; we went and took them; I found this piece here produced upon Spooner. Cooper had 3 s. in money in his pocket; I asked which of them rode the gray horse; one of them replied I, but I cannot say which; they were taken before Sir John Fielding, and committed.

Adam Stowers. I keep a broker's shop in Holborn; the evidence said at Sir John Fielding's, they bought the pistols at my shop, and described them to me; it is so long ago, I cannot recollect the men; I remember I sold an old pair to two young men about that time.

James Draper. I am a stable-keeper in Swallow-street; a man that I knew thirty years asked me if I could let a friend of his a horse; he fetched his friend; then his friend said they should want another; I let them have two, one a chestnut, the other a gray one; two young men went out on them; they were to return that night, but they did not; they went out on the 8th of August; they did not come home till the Thursday night after, betwixt eleven and twelve o'clock; I enquired after them, as they kept them so long, and found out their names, and who they were apprentices to, and where they lived. About ten or eleven, on the Friday morning, a woman came, and let me know there was such a man came to her house in King-street, Golden-square; I went to him, and asked him if he had not been out with two of my horses, and what was his name; he said his name was Spooner, (the evidence) and that he had had my horses; he asked what the hire came to; I said three guineas; he had but two; he gave me them, and was to bring the other; I never saw the prisoner till I saw him at Sir John Fielding's; I was in the yard when they mounted, but did not observe them.

Prisoner's defence.

I know nothing of the robbery.

He called Bernard Gregory, with whom he served his time, and five other persons, who gave him a good character. Acquitted.

431. (M.) *Richard Davis* was indicted for stealing a cloth coat and waistcoat, the property of Sir Charles Saunders, Knight of the Bath, one pair of leather breeches, value 3 s. and one violin, value 5 s. the property of Edward Price; and one violin, value 5 s. and one bow, value 1 s. the property of Henry Norris, July 6. †

Edward Price. I am servant to Sir Charles Saunders; we thought the prisoner an honest lad; we took him, and he was employed in the stable; the things mentioned were taken away on the 6th of July, from the Crown-yard, Silver-street, Golden-square; we judged it to be done by somebody that knew the yard; a person came and told me, he could tell me where some of the things were; I went with him to the prisoner's lodgings, there I found the two fiddies; the man and woman of the house told me the prisoner brought them there the second night after they were lost; we never found the other things.

Hannah Tomlinson. The prisoner lodged at my house; he sold a coat and waistcoat in my house soon after he came to lodge with me; they were old clothes with yellow lining.

Price. The clothes were such as this evidence has described.

The prisoner, in his defence, said he was not guilty of the thing charged against him. Guilty. T.

432. (M.) *Thomas Birt* was indicted for stealing a satin cardinal, value 20 s. the property of Mary Kirby, widow, Aug. 6. *

Mary Kirby. I live at the Robinhood, Leather-lane; I lost a satin cardinal out of the parlour; I did not miss it till the 7th of August; the prisoner was in the house on the 6th in the morning, but I did not see him; he was taken up the same day three doors from us, upon suspicion of robbing a room at Dobney's; I missing my cardinal, and knowing the prisoner had been before Justice Girdler, and a cardinal had been brought there, and no body owned it, I went to the pawnbroker named Careless, in Fox-court; there I found a cardinal in pawn.

William Callen. I am servant to Mr. Careless in Fox-court; the prisoner pledged a cardinal with me on the 6th of August, in his own name for about seven in the morning; (produced and delivered to by prosecutrix.)

John Woolfe. I keep the Robinhood in Leather-lane; the prisoner came to my house between six and seven in the morning of the 6th of August along with two more; they called for some bread

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I had beer; I took some beer off; when out; one asked me if yes; I took there he a dinal or a if for 7 s. back and and a half Woolfe.

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and cheese and beer; I heard the prisoner own, before the Justice, the cardinal was taken before the second pot was drawn, but did not say he took it.

Prisoner's defence.

I had been out, and coming back, I met two men, one had a bundle; they wanted to get some beer; I took them in at Mr. Woolfe's; we had some beer: I went home, which is but two doors off; when I came to them again, the beer was almost out; one of them beckoned me to the door, and asked me if any pawnbroker was up; I told him yes; I took him into Fox-court, Gray's-inn-lane; there he asked me to go and pledge either a cardinal or a gown; I took the cardinal, and pledged it for 7 s. and gave him the money; he went back and paid the reckoning, which came to 1 s. and a halfpenny.

Woolfe. The prisoner went out three times, but they did not all depart the house till the reckoning was paid, one of the others went out once.

Martha Pain. He lodged at the Gridiron, Gray's-inn-lane, four years and a half, where I am servant; he always behaved himself very well there. Guilty. T.

433. (M.) *Barry*, wife of William Barry, was indicted for stealing a silver watch, value 40 s. the property of William Leston, in the dwelling-house of John Newin, Aug. 8.

William Leston. On Saturday the 8th of August, my wife called to me as I was coming up the lane, and said she missed my watch; the landlady of the house told me no body had been up stairs but the prisoner; (I lodge in the house of John Newin;) I took her up upon suspicion of that, and carried her before the Justice; (she used to lodge over our heads, but was gone away;) the constable found my watch in her pocket; I was by at the time she owned she had taken the watch, but intended to have brought it back again.

Q. from prisoner. Whether you ever heard any bad character of me?

Prosecutor. No, never in my life; she has been in my room, and taken care of my wife when she has not been well; I never missed any thing by her; I always took her to be a very honest woman.

Q. from prisoner. Whether you think I took it with intent to make away with it?

Prosecutor. She might intend to bring it back for what I know, but we had locked the door to go about to see for the watch.

Prisoner's defence.

I did it only to surprize his wife, as she had been out and left the door open.

John Lampard. I have known the prisoner five years; she has been employed at my house as a chair-woman, I always found her to behave very honest and sober; she had it in her power to have wronged me, had she been so minded.

Francis Silk. I have known her a great many years; she worked for me two days a week for six years; I found her always very honest. Acquitted.

434. (M.) *John Gibson* was indicted for stealing one guinea, one half guinea, and a quarter guinea, the property of John Sedgwick, privately from his person, Aug. 18.

John Sedgwick. I went to Barnet races; I got fuddled; I got from my horse, and got into a cart, in which was the boy at the bar; this was on the 18th of August; when we came to Golder's-green, by Hendon, they took the horse out of the cart, when in the Swan-yard, and I lay and slept in the cart, I believe an hour and a half; I awaked, and got on my horse, and rode home, which was but about a quarter of a mile; in the morning I missed my money, a guinea and a half, and a quarter guinea; I suspected the boy at the bar, and sent Richard Empty after him; he took and brought him home in the afternoon; we took him before Justice Cross, there he confessed he took the money.

Q. How old is the prisoner?

Sedgwick. I believe he is between thirteen and 14 years of age; he confessed before Mr. Cross, he took my money, and went to Barnet, and bought himself a pair of breeches and a pair of shoes; then he played at a game of pricking at the belt, and lost the rest of the money, all but half a guinea and six pence, which he delivered to Richard Empty when he took him.

Richard Empty. Mr. Sedgwick sent me after the lad; I found him upon Barnet common; he had new shoes and breeches on; he first said his grandmother gave him them; afterwards he began to cry, and said he had a half guinea from one, and a 5 s. 3 d. from the other of his prosecutors, and that he said was all. Guilty of stealing, but not privately.

(M.) He was a second time indicted for stealing half a guinea and 6 d. the property of Joseph Empty, privately from his person, Aug. 18.

Joseph Empty. I was with Mr. Sedgwick, and when

when he was sleeping in the cart, I fell asleep on the bench in the yard for the space of an hour, or an hour and a half; then I got up and went home to bed, and in the morning I missed half a guinea; I had a suspicion of the prisoner, and I sent my brother after him; he was taken, and confessed to the taking half a guinea from me.

Q. Was you fuddled too?

Empty. I was. Guilty of stealing, but not privately from his person. T.

435. (M.) Mary Tom House*, spinster, was indicted for stealing a linen shirt, value 3s. a pair of silk stockings, value 5s. and a linen apron, value 5s. the property of Benjamin Ixer; and a cloak and apron, the property of Mary Haggett, August 28. †

Benjamin Ixer. I keep a public-house, the prisoner had been by servant a week, I discharged her on the 28th of August at night; when she was gone we missed a sheet from the bed she had laid upon, and the rest of the things in the indictment; I went to a house on Saffron-hill, where she was recommended from, and was informed she was gone on an errand; I desired if she came again to let me know, which they did, where she was found.

John Glover. I am a constable, I found the prisoner in bed at a house on Saffron-hill; I took her to the watch-house, she owned she had taken the things mentioned, and given them to the woman that was in bed with her; then I went and brought that woman to the watch-house, she said the bundle was in the cellar; there I went and found it, all but the cardinal, that I found under the bed where they lay (*the things produced and deposed to.*)

Mary Haggett. I am servant to the prosecutor; this cloak (*taking it in her hand*) is my property.

Prisoner's defence.

I did not know what was in the bundle when I took it away. Guilty. T.

* Note, This prisoner was an hermaphrodite, so had the name of Tom, as a Christian name.

436. (M.) Elizabeth Astford, widow, was indicted for stealing a pair of silver shoe-buckles, value 17s. and 6d. the property of John Healey, August 5. †

John Healey. I drive a coal-cart, I lodge in Milford-lane, the prisoner lodged in the same house, one pair of stairs above me; I used to keep my chest locked, I missed my silver buckles out of my chest, and found it was not locked; I found them again at Mr. Morris's

Mr. Morris. I am a silversmith, by the New-

Church in the Strand; on Saturday the 8th of August the prisoner came to my shop with an odd silver shoe-buckle; she seemed to weep, and said her brother was in St. George's hospital, and had had a leg cut off that morning, and he would have occasion for no more than one buckle; I weighed it, and gave her eight shillings and nine pence for it; at night, about nine o'clock, or a little after she came again, crying ready to break her heart and said her brother was dead by the anguish of the operation, and then needed no buckles; I gave her the same price for that; I laid the pair in the window for sale, and the prosecutor came and owned them (*produced and deposed to.*)

Prisoner's defence.

I found one buckle going up stairs, and on the Tuesday coming down I found the other, and carried one to Mr. Morris's in the morning, and the other in the evening. Guilty. T.

437. (M.) Sarah, wife of Stephen Cook, was indicted for stealing two linen shirts, value 5s. linen neckcloth, value 18d. and a yard and a quarter of linen cloth, the property of John Zouch July 27. †

Mary Zouch. I am wife to John Zouch, we live in Chapel-street, St. James's; the prisoner was my servant, at eighteen-pence a week, the things in the indictment were missing; I took the prisoner up upon suspicion, she owned she had taken and pawned them; I went accordingly, and found them

John Nash and Henry Dixon; two pawnbrokers, produced the things pledged by the prisoner. Guilty 10d. W.

438, 439. (M.) Charles Andrews and George Rogers, were indicted for stealing a hempen sack, value 3d. and sixty pounds of pimento, value 30s. the property of Samuel Vaughan, Esq; August 5. Both Acquitted.

440. (M.) William Cook was indicted for receiving a silver snuffer-stand, value 30s. knowing it to have been stolen by Joseph Metford, the property of John Finch, in the parish of Epsom August 9. †

The copy of the record of the trial and conviction of Joseph Metford, at the assize at Croydon in Surrey read in court.

John Finch. I live at Epsom; my house was broke open, and I lost a large quantity of plate a silver snuffer-stand amongst the rest: in consequence of an account I received the prisoner was taken, and in the presence of Metford he acknowledged that Metford had given him the silver snuffer-

snuff-stand, in order to dispose of it, and all the rest of the plate was concealed under the bed where the prisoner and Metford lay; he acknowledged he sold the snuff-stand to a Jew in the street for five shillings and sixpence, and received thirty-two shillings for it of the prisoner; the prisoner is a taylor, Metford had been his servant; I recovered all my plate again, but not the snuff-stand; that with the rest had a coat of arms upon it.

John Sweetman. I am a constable, I took up the prisoner; he confessed he had received the snuff-stand of Metford (who was executed for stealing the plate last Friday at Kennington) and sold it for thirty-two shillings to a Jew; he said Metford told him one captain Cowley was dead, and had left him the plate, and he brought it to his house.

Prisoner's defence.

I had the misfortune to break my leg last summer; I met Metford in the street, he was overjoyed to see me, he took me to a public house, and gave me some beer; he said he had been at sea four years, and the captain owed him thirty pounds, and he would be a friend to me; he went on, and in two or three days returned, and said he was but just in time, the captain is dead, and he buried on the Saturday; that he had made a will, and he should have all his money at the captain's end, and he had given him all his plate (he was a great favourite of the captain's; I asked him where his hat-band was; he said, the executioner has got it; said I, what have you in your bag; he said, this is the plate, and out he pulled a silver snuff-stand, a snuff-stand, five large spoons, and other things; said I, this is a very fine present indeed; said he, there was another spoon, but I pawned that, for I had no money. I lodged in New-street, Seven-Dials; we had some dinner and strong-beer; we went to bed; the next day, when we got up, now, said he, I told you I would be a friend to you, I will make you a present of the snuff-stand, and gave it me; I said, God bless you, I am greatly obliged to you; I went and met a Jew in the street, we went under a board-way, he had scales and weights, he gave me a crown an ounce for it, it came to thirty-two shillings, I paid away some of the money where I lodged it.

John Palmer. I live in King-street, Westminster; I have known the prisoner eight or nine years; I know him to be a very honest just man. Acquitted.

(M.) *John Simpson* was indicted for stealing a coach-seat, value 5 s. the property of Henry Kerthaw, August 20. 7

Henry Barley. I had set down a fair in the Almonry; when I went to drive on, I saw the door of my coach open on that side which the fair did not come out of; I got down to shut it, the prisoner was stoop, offering my seat to sale in New-palace-yard, by Francis Atkins, a coachman.

Francis Atkins. The prisoner is a soldier, he offered the seat to me and other coachmen; I stooped that and him, and found out the prosecutor; I called upon the prisoner's serjeant, he said he would not give a bad halfpenny to save him from transportation.

Prisoner's defence.

I found it in the Broad way, Peter's-street, Westminster. Guilty. T.

442. (M.) *Marta*, otherwise *Margaret Delaney*, spinster, was indicted for stealing a canvas-bag, value 1 d. five guineas, one half guinea, and ten shillings in money numbered, the property of George Kerthaw, privately from his person, March 10.

George Kerthaw. I had been at Whitechapel with two loads of hay, I sold it for three guineas and a half; I am servant to Joseph Cooper, at Holloway; going home with the two carts through Islington, between six and seven in the evening, the prisoner was standing at the door of the Pied-Bull; she pulled me off my horse, and carried me into the house; I had never seen her but once before in my life, that was above a month before; she said she would treat me; we had only a pint of beer; we were alone in the parlour, I staid about half an hour; I pulled out my purse to pay for the beer; there was my master's three guineas and a half, the rest was my own; in the whole five guineas and a half, and ten shillings and six-pence; after I had put my purse in my breeches-pocket, with this money in it, she pulled it out again; I did not know she was pulling it out, till she had it in her hand.

Q. Was you sober?

Kerthaw. I was, I had not drank above a pot; I could not take the money from her, so I went to the other room for assistance; she got out at the back-door, and got away; I never got the money again.

Joseph Wilson. I belong to the patrol at Islington; I saw the prisoner take the man from his horse, they went into the alehouse, what past I know not.

Prisoner's defence.

I never was in company with the man in my life, I never drank with him till that night; he took

took me up at the Red-lion in Rosamond's-row.
Guilty. T.

443. (M.) Richard Blandham was indicted for stealing a cloth coat, value 5 s. a cloth waistcoat, value 2 s. two shirts, value 5 s. one handkerchief and one neckcloth, the property of James Leach, July 13. †

James Leach. I live at Burton in Somersetshire; I lost the things mentioned in the indictment at the Black-and-all-Black at Hyde-park-corner, in a stable, about a month ago; the prisoner was taken the Saturday following on the other side Edgware, with my coat and waistcoat, and one of my shirts on his back, the other shirt and neckcloth were tied up in a handkerchief; I found my handkerchief at a pawnbroker's; he was under-officer at the stable where they were taken from.

Prisoner's defence.

He brought the coat into the stable, and offered to sell it; I had not money to pay for them, but offered to pay at so much a week; I went to-bed, and in the morning I found them lying there; I thought he brought them to let me have them, my mother being sick; I put them on to go to see her, and intended to be up in two or three days again. Guilty. T.

444. (M.) Anne Peacock, widow, was indicted for stealing a linen counterpane, value 4 s. three linen aprons, a pewter dish, a pair of linen shift-sleeves, a linen handkerchief, a pair of Bristol-stone sleeve-buttons set in silver, the property of Thomas Hambleton. †

Thomas Hambleton. I live in Wheeler's-street, Spitalfields; the prisoner lodged at my house about nine months, in the same room where my wifen and I live; we have but one room; I missed a counterpane from her bed in last April; I asked her about it; she said she had taken it, and would bring it again; then in about a month we missed all the other things that are in the indictment; she continued to lodge with us, and would come home sometimes on nights or other times; she confessed she stole all the things.

Bridget Hambleton. I am wife to the prosecutor; the prisoner confessed she had taken the things, and pawned them; I missed them in April.

Q. Why did you not take her up then?

B. Hambleton. I believe I should not have taken her up if my husband had not.

Dimson Monsey, a pawnbroker, produced a pewter dish, three aprons, and a counterpane; and Sarah

Barbet, another pawnbroker, produced a pair of sleeve-buttons; both said they were pawned by the prisoner; the prosecutor said they were his property.

The prisoner, in her defence, said, she had leave her landlady to pawn the things, and did intend fetch them again. Acquitted.

445. James Cole was indicted for stealing handkerchief, value 10 d. the property of Thomas Nugent, Esq;

To which he pleaded guilty. W.

446. (M.) Elizabeth Boyce, widow, was indicted for stealing a stiff petticoat, value 6 s. and a linen apron, value 18 d. the property of Michael Crosby, August 15. †

Catherine Crosby. I am wife to Michael Crosby; I lost a petticoat and an apron out of my room, Hungerford-market; the prisoner was my servant; I went out and left her in the house; when I returned she and the things were gone; I found the door locked, and my child sleeping in the bed; I found them again at the pawnbroker's.

Matthias Graham. The prosecutor came to me and desired I would take the prisoner; I took her up with the apron upon her, which Mrs. Crosby owned; I put her in the Round-house; she confessed the petticoat, and another, was at a pawnbroker's at the bottom of Leicester-fields.

John Ryder. I am servant to a pawnbroker, the prisoner pledged this petticoat and apron with me (produced and deposited to).

Prisoner's defence.

It is right enough what they say, I owed money and I did it for want. Guilty. T.

447. (M.) James Anables was indicted for stealing an iron rat-trap, a tobacco-box, half peck of canary seeds, two dozen pair of bone straps, and a hempen bag, the property of Daniel Richardson, Sept. 4. †

Daniel Richardson. I live in Spitalfields, I keep a corn-chandler's shop; I lost the things mentioned in the indictment; I found them at the prisoner's lodgings, I took him before Justice Fielding, there he owned he had taken them.

Prisoner's defence.

I was in liquor.

William Tapp. I have known the prisoner between three and four years, he always was a regular man upon duty; he belongs to the 1st regiment, he always bore the name of an honest man. Guilty. B.

448. (M.) Thomas Underboom was indicted for stealing three shirts, value 13 s. the property of Anne Underboom, widow, July 16. †

Anne Underboom. The prisoner is second cousin to my husband; I am a washer-woman, and live in the Borough; the prisoner came to my house, and got me to go for a pennyworth of Cheshire cheese for his supper; this was about eight in the evening, on the 16th of July; when I came back, he was gone; I missed eight shirts, two neckcloths, and a pair of sleeves; I only indicted him for three shirts, which were found again.

Benjamin Fryer. The prisoner came that night about a quarter after eight o'clock with three shirts, and pledged them with me; (produced and deposited to.)

Prosecutrix. I saw one of the neckcloths taken from the prisoner, in Justice Fielding's office.

Prisoner's defence.

I was at my aunt's house that evening, but I did not take the things away; the three shirts and neckloth are my property. Guilty. T.

449. (L.) Samuel Elliot was indicted for stealing a linen handkerchief, value 10 d. the property of Jeremiah Percy, July 23. †

Jeremiah Percy. I live in St. Anne's-lane, Aldersgate-street; I was on Tower-hill on the 23d of July, the day the red regiment marched out, about eleven o'clock; a person tapped me on the shoulder, and said, Sir, here is a boy has picked your pocket of your handkerchief; he had the prisoner by the arm; I felt, and missed it; some people were for horse-whipping him, some were for ducking him; I said, neither of them shall be done, I will take him to justice; I took him to a magistrate, and he was committed.

Abraham Hayes. I was on Tower-hill; I saw the prisoner take Mr. Percy's handkerchief out of his pocket, as I was standing by him; (the handkerchief produced and deposited to.)

Prisoner's defence.

I picked the handkerchief up. Guilty. T.

450. (L.) William Watkins was indicted for stealing a handkerchief, value 6 d. the property of William Shaw, Sept. 10. †

William Shaw. Last Thursday morning I was in the Old-Bailey yard, looking over the list which was put up against the wall of the prisoners to be tried; I had some silver spoons in my hand to produce on a trial; the gentleman said to me, show me your spoons here; I said yes, or what business have I here, and took them out and shewed

him them; I put them into my coat-pocket, and clapped my handkerchief upon them; there being a crowd, I took the spoons out, and put them in my side-pocket near my breast; the prisoner came pushing up, I felt his hand in my pocket; I gave a jerk about, and saw him put his hand under his coat; upon shaking his coat, down fell my handkerchief from under it; I suppose he expected to have found the spoons there.

William Baker. I was standing by Mr. Shaw; I saw the boy at the bar drop the handkerchief, but I did not see him take it.

Prisoner's defence.

I was standing there; people were pushing up; the gentleman said he missed his handkerchief; he looked about, and at last found it on the ground, then he charged me with taking it.

He called his mother, John Johnson, Elizabeth Simpson, and Anne Evans, who said they never heard any ill of him. Guilty. T.

451. (L.) Henry Rose was indicted for stealing four silver table-spoons, a silver punch-ladle, two silver tops for caskets, and a quarter guinea, the property of David Thomas, Aug. 7. †

Elizabeth Thomas. I am wife of David Thomas; I live at the Half-moon-eating-house in Aldersgate-street; the prisoner came on the 7th of August, and asked me how I did; I had forgot him; I said, I cannot say I know you; he said his name was Harry; then I recollected he had lived with us six weeks above twelve months ago; he asked for a pint of beer; I fetched it, and gave him some victuals; after he was gone, the things in the indictment were missing, but I did not miss them immediately.

James Yates. I happened to be in the house where he was brought in, by the person that took him; I saw the things taken, some out of his pocket, some out of his breeches; there were two table-spoons, two pieces of spoons, and part of a punch-ladle.

John Bramball. I am a constable; I was sent for to the Blakeney's-Head in Bartholomew-close, to take the prisoner; I took him in custody, and had him searched; these spoons and things were found upon him; (produced and deposited to.)

Mr. Kerfill. I live in Aldersgate-street. On the 13th of August the prisoner brought part of a crown-piece ladle to sell; he said he had found it by Jewin-street; I said, if you will go near the Half-moon, you will find the person that lost it; I did this, expecting I should discover whether the things were stolen from thence; he, as I expected, ran away.

away; we pursued him, he was brought back; and when we charged him, he owned he had taken a quarter guinea out of the bottom of the ladle, and paid it away; when he found he was to be searched, he owned they were Mr. Thomas's property.

Prisoner's defence.

Coming through the passage, I saw these spoons before me; I touched them with my foot; I took them up, and put them in my pocket, and had them in my pocket when I went into the house for the beer. Guilty. T.

452. (L.) William Cuthbert was indicted for stealing a linen handkerchief, value 6 d. the property of John Bailey, Aug. 4. †

John Bailey. I was near Aldersgate, speaking to one of the militia; several people were near me; I thought I felt something at my right-hand side; I caught fast hold of the prisoner's shoulder with my left-hand, and said, you villain, you have been very busy with my pocket, you have got my handkerchief; he went on his knees, and unbuttoned the flap of his breeches, and pulled my handkerchief out, and gave it me, and begged I would let him go; (*produced and deposed to.*) The mob wanted to duck him, but I took him to a public house, and after that, before a magistrate, and he was committed.

Prisoner's defence.

I picked it up from the ground, and put it in my breeches, having never a pocket.

He called Thomas Barber, a victualler, who had known him eight years, that he served him three, and behaved well. Guilty. T.

453. (L.) William Guest was indicted for high treason, in filing, impairing, lightening, and diminishing a guinea and a half guinea, the current coin of this kingdom, against the form of the statute.

John Leach. I am a teller at the Bank, I believe Mr. Guest has been a teller there between two and three years.

Q. Did you ever observe any conduct in him different from the rest?

Leach. I have seen him pick new guineas from the old ones.

Q. How long ago is that?

Leach. Six months ago at least.

Q. Did you attend to this after to see whether this was a frequent practice?

Leach. I did, it was his frequent practice; it created a suspicion in my mind, and I communicated my suspicions to some others. On the 4th of July he paid some money to Mr. Richard Still,

a servant to Mr. Corner, a dyer on the Bank-side, Southwark: at the time I saw Mr. Guest take some money out of a bag in the drawer, and put it among the rest on the table; and when he had paid the man, I went out after him, and asked him if his money was right, and begged the favour of him to walk into the pay-office, and let me tell the money over, which he did, and out of the thirty guineas there were three of them seemed to me to be newly filed; he said that was all the gold he had about him; I carried them three guineas into the hall, and showed them to Mr. Robert Bell, he looked at them; then I desired he would carry them up to Mr. Race the cashier.

Q. Did you go up with him?

Leach. No, I did not then.

Q. How did they appear to you to have been filed?

Leach. They appeared to me as if the right milking had been taken off, and then filed.

Q. You say, when he paid some money, you observed he took some out of a bag in the drawer, is not that what is commonly done?

Leach. That is very seldom done in the Bank, it is sometimes done; this was not the whole of the money, but part; it was mixed with the money upon the table; we put out guineas in one drawer, silver in another, moidores in another, ports in another.

Q. What was done with the three guineas?

Leach. Mr. Race weighed them in my presence, they all three weighed fifteen pennyweights, nine grains; the weight should be sixteen pennyweights, four grains and a quarter.

Q. What is the difference?

Leach. Nineteen grains and a quarter, that is three shillings and a penny, according to the standard.

Q. Did you weigh them separately?

Leach. Yes, one of the guineas weighed five pennyweights, three grains, and nine sixteenths; that was a guinea of the late King's; there were two of his present Majesty, one wanted about six pence, the other about thirteen or fourteen pence.

Richard Still. I received thirty guineas at the Bank, on Saturday the 4th of July, of Mr. Guest.

Leach. This is the person that I received the three guineas of.

Still. As I was coming out of the Bank the gentleman met me, and desired I would step into the office, that they might look at the money that I received; I had no gold about me at that time but the thirty guineas I received; I had only some half-pence, and eighteen-pence in silver; I told the gentleman he should look at them with all my

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heart; I turned them all out upon the table, he examined them, and looked at the edges of them, and selected three or four of them, and asked the gentleman on the other side the counter to lay down as many guineas as he had taken out, which he did.

Robert Bell. I am a teller at the Bank; I remember, on Saturday the 4th of July, Mr. Leach brought me three guineas, which appeared to me to be recently filed; two of his present Majesty's, and one of George the 11d. I said, where did you get these; said he, I have just taken them of a gentleman in the office (that office is fifty yards from me); I did not see him take them; he said, he had received them of the last witness (Mr. Still) who received them of Mr. Guest; I carried them to Mr. Race by Mr. Leach's desire, and Mr. Race, with great deliberation, looked at the edges of them in his custody; he closed them in a paper, and wrote 4th of July upon them; and said to me, you will carry these to Mr. Leach, and desire him to keep them in his custody; I delivered them back to Mr. Leach.

Daniel Rate. About the 4th of July Mr. Bell brought three guineas to me; I looked at them very carefully, they appeared to me to be newly filed; I delivered them to Mr. Bell again.

Q. to Leach. Produce the three guineas you mentioned.

Leach. These are them, they are in the same state and condition as when I received them; only I have covered the paper with fresh paper (producing three guineas); I delivered them to Mr. Bell, and received them back from him the same day.

Rate. I did receive them there or thereabouts, and returned them back to him the same day.

Q. to Leach. Have you had them in your custody ever since?

Leach. I have, they have not been out of my custody since; they have been locked up in my bag; I delivered them to Mr. Bell on the Saturday, to show them to Mr. Race.

Bell. The three guineas that I received from Mr. Leach I showed to Mr. Race, and I received them back again, and delivered them to Mr. Leach again.

Leach. They have never been out of my custody, excepting these two instances.

Jeremiah Thompson. I am one of the cashiers at the Bank.

Q. Can you inform the court of the method of collecting the tellers bags?

Thompson. The method is, every cashier, in his

corn in waiting, takes the tellers bags, and locks them up in a particular place every night; every teller has his name put to his bag, as they are all set down in a book.

Q. Are the bags sealed?

Thompson. No, they are not, the cashier in waiting (that takes the bags, he finds so much money upon every bag, and we examine the books to see that they agree, that they make a balance, and then we lock them up, and they are delivered out the next morning.

Q. Are there any body besides yourselves as a check?

Thompson. There are two locks upon the floor of the cupboard where they are locked in; the cashier in waiting has one, and some one of the in-door tellers have the other key; the cashier cannot come at these bags without the teller; that in-door teller is one that is in waiting for the night, and we keep a check for them all.

Q. Who are the waiting in-door tellers?

Thompson. They take it by turns.

Q. Who were in waiting that night, the 4th of July?

Thompson. Kemp and Lucas were; the key is kept by one of them, I do not know which of them; I received orders from Mr. Race, the chief cashier, to inspect into Mr. Guest's bag of the 4th of July, and one or two of the tellers to be with me; Mr. Lucas and Mr. Kemp were present; the whole sum was 1800 l. 16 s. 6 d. in several bags; there were five hundred pound bags tied together, sixteen bags in all; it was ordered to see if there were any new guineas fresh filed; Mr. Kemp and Mr. Lucas told the money over; there was one bag in which was forty guineas, which seemed fresher than the others did, upon the outside.

Q. When you speak of fresher, what part do you mean?

Thompson. I mean the edges.

Q. Whether you compared these to any of the other guineas in the other bags?

Thompson. Yes, they were compared, and they all appeared fresher than the rest.

Cross Examination.

Q. Did you closely inspect them?

Thompson. We examined them with caution and deliberation.

Q. Where have they been since?

Thompson. They were sealed up by Mr. Kemp and myself, and have not been opened till this morning; they were kept locked up by the two

keys I have mentioned, by the cashier and the teller.

Thomas Lucas. I am a teller in the Bank, we take it by turns to be waiting tellers; I was in waiting on the 4th of July, and Thomas Kemp was the other.

Q. In what manner do you take care of the money?

Lucas. We receive it from their own hands; it is in my custody from that time till I deliver it to a porter, who puts it in a box, and from thence it is wheeled into the treasury; we found in a bag of Mr. Guest's forty guineas.

C. for prisoner. I admit that with all my heart, that these forty guineas were found in Mr. Guest's bag.

Q. to Lucas. How did they appear?

Lucas. They appeared much fresher on the edges than other guineas.

Thomas Kemp. I am a teller at the Bank; I was there that evening, I examined these forty guineas.

Q. Whether you made any particular observation on them?

Kemp. They appeared to me to be all fresh filed on the edges.

Q. Did you weigh them?

Kemp. I did; there was a deficiency from about 8 d. to 14 d. one with the other, I cannot be certain to a penny; there was a deficiency in every one of them.

Mr. Sowall. I belong to the Bank; I made a search in the house of Mr. Guest in Broad-street-buildings, in the month of July last; in a two pair of stairs room was a mahogany nest of drawers, the top of which was forced open in the presence of Mr. Hall, Mr. Humberton, and my Lord-Mayor's officer; there we found a vice, files, and other things.

Thomas Humberton. I am a servant in the Bank; I was present at a search made at Mr. Guest's house; I asked him, while he was at the Bank, for his keys of his book case and a cupboard; I told him I was going to search his house; this was on Monday the 6th of July; there were warrants out against him; he said he did not know what authority any body had to search his house, and refused to deliver his keys; I found all the things there; they were under seal till before the Grand Jury yesterday, and they are now under the seals of the Grand Jury; they were opened, and produced in court. (Note, They were such as were apt and proper to effect or contribute to the commission of the particular offence with which he was charged in the indictment on which he was tried; and a bag with 100 guineas, and two bags of gold filings.)

Humberton. We found these things under the flap of a small chest of drawers; there were three drawers on each side, and a drawer went quite cross at the bottom, about four inches deep; as I opened at the top, a flap before fell down, and there was a skin lay at the bottom, fastened to the back part, and a hole in the front part of it, to fasten to a button on his waistcoat, in the manner the jewellers use them; in that leather lay all the utensils, and the smallest parcel of gold dust loose, and another parcel in a paper by it; and another (the largest parcel) in a secret place under the leather in a place about six or eight inches square, under the middle of the leather; we observed there was some yellow stuff on the teeth of the file.

C. for prisoner. We do not controvert the finding these things.

Q. What is the weight of the gold filings?

Humberton. The weight is four pounds, eleven ounces, and nineteen pennyweights; that is the weight of all the filings together.

Q. How much was in that that was concealed under the leather?

Humberton. That was the greatest quantity; that was three pounds, seven ounces, and twelve pennyweights; that seemed to be very clean, cleaner than the other two parcels; the other parcel next to that weighed one pound, three ounces, and two pennyweights; the inferior parcel is one ounce five pennyweights; that was loose upon the leather, with a good deal of dirt in it; I have delivered some of each parcel to Mr. Chamberlaine.

Joseph Nichols. I am one of the monies in the Mint, that is, one of the coiners.

Q. How long have you been in it?

Nichols. I have been employed twenty years in it, apprenticeship and all.

Q. Do you know the use of these tools here produced?

Nichols. I do; here is one very capable of milling money round the edges.

Q. Look at these three guineas. (The three guineas were part of the things the prisoner paid to Richard Still.)

Nichols. These are filed guineas, they have had fresh edging put upon them.

Q. Look at these guineas; (the hundred guineas found in the prisoner's drawer, put into a bag.)

Nichols. (He looks at several of them.) These are artificial edges; I do not see one but what is; they all appear to have fresh edges on them.

Q. Now look at the forty guineas found in the bag.

Nichols.

Nichols. (He looks at them.) There is not one of these, as I can perceive, but what is freshly filed; I have seen might be edged with such an instrument as this produced; they were not done in the Mint at the Tower.

Mr. Chamberlaine. These three guineas (producing them) are three guineas which Mr. Nichols put upon in my presence, with this instrument found in the prisoner's room; they were quite new before.

Q. To Nichols. Compare these with the others found in the prisoner's drawer.

Nichols. (He looks at several of them, and compares them together.) They are so near alike, that I believe they were all done with the same tool.

Q. Are you in the branch of milling?

Nichols. I am not, that is a particular office.

C. for Crown. They in that office cannot be called upon to give evidence how money is milled; they are strictly forbid it.

Humberton. I took out three small parcels of filings out of the three parcels, and delivered them to Mr. Chamberlaine.

Chamberlaine. I delivered the same quantity of filings which I received of Mr. Humberton to Mr. Lucas.

Joseph Lucas. I received three parcels of gold filings of Mr. Chamberlaine to assay; I assayed them separately, and found them agreeable to the standard of our money; that parcel that was said to be found upon the leather was mixed with a great deal of dirt, I was obliged to wash and dry it; when I had done that, upon the assay, I found it deviated a little from the true standard, but within the limits of our money; I think it might come from the filings of our guineas; the others were very exact to the standard.

Samuel Lee. I am a teller at the Bank; I think it was the latter end of March the prisoner had a bar of gold; it was, I believe, between five and six inches long, under two inches wide, and better than half an inch deep; I asked him how he came by it; he said he had it from Holland; I had it in my hand; I said I thought it was not like a regular bar of gold, it had a deal of copper on the back of it; he said it must be filed off, and that the bars of gold were so.

Q. Did you ever see bars of gold at the Bank before?

Lee. I have, but never saw any with such scum on them as that had.

Q. How often have you seen bars of gold?

Lee. I have seen bars of gold scores of times before I went into the Bank.

Thomas Troughton. I am a jeweller; I have known the prisoner four years; I sold an ingot of gold for him the 12th of June last, there was about forty-eight ounces of it. I sold another ingot of gold for him about six months ago, that weighed forty-six ounces, or thereabouts.

Q. Did you get the price of standard gold for these ingots?

Troughton. I got thereabouts.

Cross Examination.

Q. Have not you a great many ingots come from abroad?

Troughton. We have, from different places.

Q. Did this raise any suspicion in your mind at that time?

Troughton. No, it did not.

Q. Was it standard?

Troughton. All gold ought to be standard, there is bad and good gold.

Q. Did you observe any appearance of copper or filing?

Troughton. No, none at all; this appeared like other bars of gold that came from abroad; I understood it as such.

Q. How long did they appear to be?

Troughton. I took them to be about a foot long; there are various lengths of them; they come from abroad.

Effner Collins. I did live servant with Mr. Goss between four and five months; I left his service about the latter end of August, or beginning of September, about a year ago.

Q. Did you observe any thing in your master's behaviour?

E. Collins. Some little time before I came away, he used to be in the back parlour.

Q. How long before you came away?

E. Collins. About a month before.

Q. What was the furniture of that back parlour?

E. Collins. A desk and half a dozen chairs.

Q. What sort of a desk?

E. Collins. The same sort as other people's, a writing desk; I saw it open one Sunday, when Mr. and Mrs. Goss went out walking; he left his book-case open, I never saw the inside of it before; I went into the room to take his clothes away; the top being open, I looked into it; there I saw a glass cup with some yellow dust in it, and by the cup was a file, much like this that lies here.

Prisoner's defence.

I am innocent of the thing laid to my charge.

For the prisoner.

Robert Featley. I am an optical instrument maker.

Q. Look at this tool; (he takes it in his hand.)

Featley.

Featley. This is fit for various other uses where the edges require milling.

Q. Have you milled edges to things in your way?

Featley. We have, to scores of optical instruments; this is proper for several particulars, microscopes, and things in our way.

Cross Examination.

Q. Did you ever see any of these kind of instruments before in your trade?

Featley. No, I never did.

John Hunter. I am conversant in mathematical instruments and clock-work both.

Q. To what purpose is such an instrument as this applicable?

Hunter. We have several milled nuts, both in the mathematical and clock way; this is more useful than any thing we use, for any thing that will go into it; it is as great an improvement as ever I saw; the edges or jessering nuts for regulating clocks might be done with this.

George Hodgson. I am a clock-maker; I can make this instrument useful in several things that I do.

Q. Mention some of them.

Hodgson. For milling the screws, for regulating pendulums, that is the screw at the bottom to raise the ball, to make it go faster and slower.

To his character.

Alexander Sharp, Esq. I took lodgings at Mr. Guel's, in December, 1764, and lodged in his house six months; I had very little opportunity of knowing him much; I know none of his connections so as to know his character; I very seldom was with him.

Mr. Greathead. I have known him since November last; before I went to lodge with him, I had a very good character of him; he bore a very good character as far as I could find.

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Mr. Morley. I have known him from his infancy; he bears the character of a very honest man; his family is in the greatest repute in the town he was born; I never heard any accusation against him till this charge.

William Lewis. My knowing and having acquaintance with him commenced when he was an apprentice at Worcester; the universal character that he has bore has been that of a diligent, sober, honest man; I knew his father and grandfather; have had connections with them all my life time; I am one of his securities since he came to be in the Bank; every body that had any connections with him have the same opinion with me; this time was of the utmost astonishment to me when I heard of it; his father was a minister.

John Elbridge. I have known him about ten years; he is a very sober, diligent, honest man; a man that I understood bore as fair a character as any man in the kingdom; I would as soon trust him as any man in the kingdom, from the goodness of his character.

Sir Thomas Ansell. I have known him ten years; he was always a very honest man as far as I knew; he has been so reputed by every body in the neighbourhood.

John Topham. I have known him twenty years; he had a very good character; I never heard the contrary till this.

William Smith. I have known him between ten and five years; I always looked upon him as a very worthy honest man; I never heard to the contrary till this affair. *Guilty. Death.*

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